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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

This is a preliminary amendment filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add claims 18-30 as shown below.

--18. A vehicle rear view mirror comprising a housing, a mirror lens and a location frame, said frame being adapted to carry said mirror lens and to locate wholly within the rim of the housing without extending over the edges thereof, said frame and/or housing

being made from a resilient material, the frame being a resilient snap-fit within the housing and said housing and said frame being releasable detachable.

19. A mirror as claimed in claim 18 in which said housing is provided with frame retainment means and said frame is provided with housing engagement means.

20. A mirror as claimed in claim 19 in which said frame retainment mans comprises one or more catches and said housing engagement mans comprises one or more abutments which co-operate with said catches.

21. A mirror as claimed in claim 18 in which said frame is provided with lens engagement means.

22. A mirror as claimed in claim 21 in which said lens engagement means comprises one or more abutments adapted to engage said lens.

23. A mirror as claimed in claim 21 in which said lens is a resilient snap fit in said frame.

24. A mirror as claimed in claim 18 in which said frame and/or said housing are made from a resilient synthetic plastics material.

25. A mirror as claimed in claim 18 in which said housing comprises a casing adapted to cover the rear face of said lens.

26. A mirror as claimed in claim 18 in which said lens is concave or convex or flat.

28. A mirror as claimed in claim 27 in which said lens is of the polycarbonate unbreakable type, or any other substrate on which a reflective surface may be deposited.

29. A mirror as claimed in claim 27 in which said lens is glass.

30. A mirror as claimed in claim 18 in which said frame is provided with slots at each corner to provide further resilience to said frame.--

REMARKS

The claims from the International application have been replaced.

The Examiner should note the International Search attached to
the International application.

Respectfully submitted,

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